National Aluminium Company did not respond to bear the capital cost though initially committed for the same, despite repeated correspondence from Divisional authorities at Khurda Road.

Laying of Hoshiarpur-Una rail line

† 1503. SURI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had proposed to lay a railway line from Hoshiarpur in Punjab to Una in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had also conducted a survey of this railway line;

(c) if so, the amount of money for which a provision was made by the survey team for laying of this railway line; and

(d) the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The survey for new line from Hoshiarpur to Una had been conducted in 1999-2000.

(c) As per survey report, the estimated cost of the project was assessed as Rs. 143.41 crore.

(d) The proposed new line was not taken up due to its un-remunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Looting of passengers on Jan Sadharan Express by GRP

1504. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GRP Jawans have looted the passengers on Jan Sadharan Express between Aligarh and Tundla Stations recently;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken, so far, to punish the guilty; and

(c) the details of the future plan to prevent such incidents and ensure full security and safety to railway passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. A bonafide passenger named Shri Shamim Milvi of Train No.2388 Down Jan Sadharan Express made a complaint against on duty Government Railway Police (GRP) escort personnel named Const. Ramveer Singh, Const. Jai Veer Singh and one other jawan regarding snatching of money from him while travelling in the above train on 20.03.2007.

(b) A case *vide* Crime NO.9/07 under Section 384/323/504/506 Indian Penal'Code was registered at GRP/Tundla against the above mentioned Government Railway

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.